

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, please amend paragraph [0028] starting on line 7 and ending on line 8 of the specification as follows:

[0028] Figure 3 is a perspective view showing a preassembled unit with an adapter on the selector lever; and

Page 8, please amend paragraph [0029] starting on line 9 and ending on line 10 of the specification as follows:

[0029] Figure 4 is a perspective view showing the shifting device with mounted adapter and hand knob.

Page 10, please amend paragraph [0035] starting on line 8 and ending on line 16 of the specification as follows:

[0035] Such a preassembled unit 12 can then be installed in a vehicle at a motor vehicle manufacturer. The motor vehicle manufacturer in this case does not have to mount any electrical connections or plug-in connections between the selector lever 4 and the hand knob 3. A shifting gate 20, which covers the housing 2 of the shifting device and has openings for the performed selector lever 4, is usually pushed over the selector lever 4 with the adapter 7

(shifting gate is [[not]] shown in Figure [[3]] 1) via such a preassembled unit 12 at the motor vehicle manufacturer. In order to make it possible to push the shifting gate 20 over the adapter 7, the adapter 7 has an only slightly larger diameter than the selector lever 4, and smaller than the distance between sides of the shift gate passage 24 (shift gap) such that the diameter of the adapter 7 can pass through the shift gap 24. The shift gap 24 is defined by side edges 26 of the shift gate 20.